REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

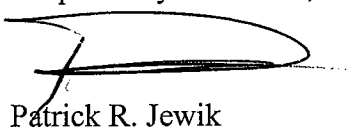
This Request for Reconsideration is responsive to the Office Action mailed on May 9, 2008. A petition for a 1 month extension of time is attached.

On August 14, 2008, an interview was conducted between the undersigned and Examiner Robinson Boyce. During the interview, Applicants' representative indicated that the current claims are allowable, and that the rejections of record were improper for the reasons provided in the Amendment dated December 18, 2007. As indicated in the Interview Summary dated August 19, 2008, the Examiner agreed to withdraw the references used in the current rejections of record and to perform a new search. It is the understanding of the undersigned that the Examiner will issue a new Action on the merits citing different art, in the event that the claims are not deemed allowable.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution, please telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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